

# Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—service delivery setting

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

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- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** The main physical setting in which the type of treatment that is the principal focus of a client's alcohol and other drug treatment episode is actually delivered, irrespective of whether or not this is the same as the usual location of the service provider.

**Context:** Alcohol and other drug treatment services. Required to identify the settings in which treatment is occurring, allowing for trends in treatment patterns to be monitored.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs](#)

**Definition:** The period of contact, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, between a client and a treatment provider or team of providers in which there is no change in the main treatment type or the principal drug of concern, and there has not been a non-planned absence of contact for greater than three months.

**Context:** Alcohol and drug treatment services. This concept is required to provide the basis for a standard approach to recording and monitoring patterns of service utilisation by clients.

**Specialisation of:** [Service episode](#)

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A treatment episode must have a defined date of commencement of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs and a date of cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs.

A treatment episode can have only one main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs and only one principal drug of concern. If the main treatment or principal drug changes then the treatment episode is closed and a new treatment episode is opened.

A treatment episode may also be considered closed (ceased) if there is a change in the treatment delivery setting or the service delivery outlet. Where the change reflects a substantial alteration in the nature of the treatment episode, for instance where an agency operates in more than one treatment setting (or outlet) they may consider that a change from one setting (or outlet), to another necessitates closure of one episode and commencement of a new one.

**Collection methods:** Is taken as the period starting from the date of commencement of treatment and ending at the date of cessation of treatment episode.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set - Working Group

## Property attributes

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Service delivery setting</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	The setting in which assistance or services are provided.
<b>Property group:</b>	<a href="#">Location characteristics</a>

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

<b>Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—service delivery setting, code N</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">ACT Health (retired)</a>, Candidate 09/08/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 12/12/2018</li></ul>
	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—service delivery setting, code N</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 12/12/2018</li></ul>